be nominated to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. No reply was given by Government to that representation. Government should nominate a member of the community to every session of the Assembly in future.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY : Mr. Sankara Pillai, the policy of Government in the matter has already been explained by the Dewan. It is only by rotation that minor communities can gain representation in this Assembly.

166. Needs of the Muslims.

MR. KUTTI ASAN KUNJU SOOPI (*Member, Municipal Council, Quilon*) said that the educational backwardness of Muslim girls was greatly due to the purda system prevailing among them. If the necessary conveniences were afforded to them for attending schools, they would certainly not keep back. For example, if a primary girls' school was opened in some retired place at Quilon, there were five hundred pupils eager to go there. But there was nobody willing to open the school. If, however, Government gave a suitable land for the purpose, there were people ready to provide the building and furniture. The Muhommedan Inspector had already brought the proposal to the notice of Government. The member requested that Government might sanction it soon.

The Muhommedan community was not getting adequate representation in the Legislative Council. If special electorates could not be created for them now, Government should nominate at least two of their representatives to the Council every time.

In the matter of higher education, special scholarships should be granted to Muhommedan students. If Government could grant scholarships only to clever students, the request of the member was that these scholarships might be granted to clever Muslim students.

A committee of officials and non-officials should be appointed at once to examine the condition and management of Wakf properties. The fact that more than one member had taken up this subject at the present session pointed to the urgency of the matter.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY : Mr. Kutti Asan Kunju Soopi, the site asked for by you for extending the premises of the primary school for Muslim girls in Quilon is said to be required for the use of the Excise Department and is not therefore available. You select and apply for another site, the application will be considered.

167. Needs of the Muslims.

MR. PIR MAHOMMED MUNAVARI MAHOMMED ISMAIL MUNAVARI (*Member, Nominated*) urged that the Muslim community should be treated as one of the three important communities of the State, the other two being Hindus and Christians. The members of the community in the service, the law graduates to begin with, were to be accorded some concessional treatment at least for a few years. This was advocated only as a means of stimulating education among the masses of the community.

In regard to public bodies, at least two Muhommedan members should be nominated to the next Legislative Council.

In order to give an impetus to female education among Muslims, a special Inspectress of Schools should be appointed. She should not only supervise the Muslim girls' schools but also persuade Muslim parents to send their daughters to schools.

Among other needs, the member urged for the early introduction of the study of Hindustani in all schools. A sufficient number of teachers could be provided for this purpose by requiring all Arabic munshees to pass an examination in Hindustani.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY : Mr. Munavari Sahib, in regard to the representation of Mahomedans in the public service, Government have more than once expressed their views, and I do not think I have anything to add to what the Dewan himself has said on the subject.

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